

# **A HEART TO SERVE CHRIST**



**2022-2023  
SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

Living Christ Lutheran Church

Contact the Church Office with any questions or if you want  
to get involved in any of these Outreach Ministries.

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A major part of our journey toward God is to discover that, in Christ, our lives can have a tremendous impact. Serving is a big component of growing our love for God and for others. It is in serving others that we grow to depend on Him, learn how He made us and participate in the works He has prepared in advance for us to do.

In the pages that follow, there are opportunities to be involved in the life of Living Christ Lutheran Church by serving on a ministry team. Some teams work within the walls of our facility to build community and welcome guests. Other teams work outside the walls to serve those in our local and global communities.

If you have not yet found a place to serve, it is my prayer that you will find a place to take a first step and continue the journey of discovering your part in God's kingdom work!

If you see a ministry opportunity that interests you, contact the person listed for more information. Consider visiting the ministry or shadowing someone who already serves there. Not sure where you would like to serve? I would be delighted to help you find a place that fits your life and gifting.

May God richly bless you as you invest your life in the lives of others.

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## Welcome Teams

The Welcome Teams at Living Christ strive to create a warm and inviting environment where people are encouraged to experience all that God has in store for them.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Coffee Crew</b>	On Sunday's the Coffee Crew will make coffee & replenish coffee supplies as needed. The last coffee crew will clean up the coffee when worship is finished.	<b>3 Shifts:</b> 7:40 am-Make coffee 9 am-Replenish coffee & supplies 11 am-Clean-up crew 1 Sunday per month.
<b>Welcome/ Information Center Volunteers</b>	This team helps make the Welcome Center a warm and inviting place to welcome visitors, answer questions and help people engage more fully in the ministry of Living Christ.	<b>2 Shifts:</b> 7:45-8:00 am & 9:00-9:10 am 9:45-10:00 am & for 10 minutes following the last service 1 Sunday per month
<b>Welcome/ Information Center Coordinator</b>	Schedule monthly Welcome/Information Center Volunteers. Correspond with upcoming volunteers about the schedule and any other needed information.	Approximately 1 hours per month
<b>Ushers</b>	The ushering team will help to direct the flow of worshippers during communion.	1 Sunday service every other month
<b>Greeters</b>	Greeters seek to meet and greet worshipers as they come and go	Arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service.  1 Sunday service every other month

## Music & Worship

The Music and Worship teams exist to help the congregation engage in authentic worship. We seek volunteers who have a passion for worshipping God and using their gifts to point people toward Christ.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Alleluia Choir</b>	<b>Alleluia Choir:</b> sings during the 8:00am traditional worship service  approx.2 times per month (September-May)	Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  (September-May)
<b>reJOYce Worship Team</b>	<b>reJOYce Singers:</b> lead worship during the contemporary worship services. There are opportunities for singers and musicians  <b>Sound:</b> Opportunities are available to help with the sound for reJOYce on Sunday mornings and during the practice on Tuesday nights.	Practices are on Tuesdays 6:00-7:15 pm
<b>Children's Christmas Program</b>	<b>Program:</b> Opportunities to help with the music and other roles with the children's Christmas program.  <b>Behind the scenes:</b> Help is needed with the costumes, programs, media and other behind the scenes details.	October – December
<b>Bible Readers</b>	<b>Bible Readers:</b> Read scripture during the Sunday Worship Services.	6-8 times per year

## Technology Teams

The Technology Teams exist to develop and facilitate the technology needs during the worship services. If you have knowledge or skills in the technological area or would like to learn how to operate the audio/visual components at Living Christ, we welcome your involvement.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Audio Operator</b>	<p>Audio operators are responsible to operating the sound during the Sunday worship services and other special events.</p> <p>No experience is necessary, training is available.</p>	Approximately 1-2 worship services per month
<b>Media Operator</b>	<b>Media Operator:</b> Running the computer during the worship services on Sunday.	1-2 services per month
<b>Camera Operator</b>	<p><b>Video/Camera Operator:</b> This team is responsible for video recording and operating the camera system during the Sunday worship services and for special events.</p> <p>No experience is necessary, training is provided.</p>	1-2 services per month
<b>Live Streaming Team</b>	<p>This team will be facilitating the Live Streaming of the Sunday morning Worship Service. This will be done during the 10 am Worship Service.</p> <p>Training is available.</p>	Approximately 1 service per month
<b>Lighting Operator</b>	Lighting operators are responsible for operating the lighting board during Sunday services & other special events. No experience is necessary.	As needed

## Support Ministries

Support Ministries exist to assist in the facilitation of ministry through Living Christ. If you enjoy serving behind the scenes to prepare and maintain a welcoming environment and smooth operation, a support ministry may be for you.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Altar Guild</b>	The altar guild prepares for and cleans up following Holy Communion. Other opportunities include helping to change the chancel linens, set up the baptism banner and preparing the altar for special occasions.	2-4 times a year or as needed
<b>Facility Support</b>  <b>Facility Support</b>	<b>Maintenance tasks around the church:</b> Opportunities abound to help with maintenance tasks around the church. If you are a “handy-man” or “handy-woman”, like fixing things, painting or are gifted in helping with the upkeep of the church, you might enjoy this area.  <b>Gardening:</b> Do you like to garden and work in the yard? There are opportunities to help with gardening and yard work at Living Christ.	Flexible time commitment
<b>Church Council</b>	The Church Council is made up of Elected Officers such as President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer as well as appointed officers that head up different church boards.	
<b>Counters</b>	The counters are a team of people who count the offering following the last worship service each week.	1 Sunday a month following the last service
<b>Entrance Sign Ministry</b>	The entrance sign team updates the entrance sign that is down by the road.	2-4 times a year

<b>First Responders</b>	First Responders are those individuals who have CPR and/or CPR/AED training and would be willing to help if a medical emergency should happen during a worship service.	First Responders are willing to help when they are present at a worship service and a medical emergency occurs.
<b>Library Ministry</b>	Help process library materials, put returned books back on the shelves and update the library cart with new books, etc.	Flexible time commitments
<b>Office Assistants</b>	The office assistants help the church office with various administrative projects such as computer work, data entry, etc.	Flexible time commitment
<b>Pew Crew</b>	The pew crew cleans out the pew racks. They also restock any needed items in the literature racks.	1-2 hours a month
<b>Photography Ministry</b>	<b>Photographer:</b> There are many opportunities to be one of the church photographers. This person would take pictures at various functions and capture the ministry of Living Christ in pictures.	Flexible time commitment  Various opportunities throughout the year
<b>“Busy Bags” for children</b>	“Busy Bags” are bags of books and activities that are available for children during the worship services. There are opportunities to help organize, clean out and restock “Busy Bags”.	1-2 hours 4 times a year  (Anticipated need in late 2022)
<b>Receptionist</b>	The receptionist answers the church office phone and does light office work during the weekly church staff meeting.	Check with the church office on times.
<b>Sewing</b>	Do you like to sew or do needle work? There are opportunities to work on the baptism and altar cloths.	As needed;  Flexible time commitment



## Education Ministries

The Education Ministries at Living Christ seek to help children and adults grow and develop in the spiritual lives. If you enjoy teaching, leading Bible Studies and investing in the lives of others, you might enjoy one of these ministries.

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	The Board of Education helps to oversee and facilitate the planning and implementation of various education opportunities at Living Christ.	Flexible time commitment
<b>Confirmation</b>	There are various opportunities to teach, encourage, support and pray for the students going through confirmation.	Wednesday evenings (September-April)
<b>Small Group Ministries</b>	Living Christ offers various opportunities to participate in small groups for the purpose of learning, spiritual growth, fellowship and being a part of a small community. There are opportunities to be a small group leader or host a small group in your home.	Various time commitments throughout the year.
<b>Sunday School Teachers, Substitutes &amp; Ministry Partners</b>	Sunday School is the education hour for those 3 years old to 5th grade. It takes place during the school year from 9-10am on Sunday's. There are many opportunities to be teachers, substitutes & helpers. More information about Sunday School can be found on the church website: <a href="http://www.livingchrist.org">www.livingchrist.org</a>	9-10am on Sundays (Sept.–April)  Team teaching opportunities are also available
<b>Nursery</b>	Opportunities to help in the nursery during the Sunday worship services.	Opportunities available on Sunday's between 9:45-11 am Flexible schedule
<b>VBS</b>	VBS is an event held each summer for kids. It is an exciting time to have fun and engage children in Biblical truths. There are opportunities to help with decorating, activities, Bible stories, snacks, publicity, etc.	Various time commitments (During the summer months)

## Care & Connecting

The purpose of the Care Teams is to reach out in the love of Christ by providing care and help for members of the congregation who are experiencing illness, recovery from surgery, new babies, hardship or other situations of need.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Spiritual Care Ministry Teams</b>	<p><b>Shepherding Ministry</b>-Spiritual care for the LCLC church body.</p> <p><b>Shut-in Ministry:</b> Visit individuals that are homebound.</p> <p><b>Card Ministry:</b> Encourage individuals that are homebound through cards, letters or phone calls.</p>	<p>Flexible time commitment As needed</p> <p>As needed</p>
<b>Fellowship, Midweek &amp; Pot Luck Meals</b>	Opportunities to be involved in the coordination, set up, clean up, preparation and serving of meals at Living Christ for various events.	As needed
<b>Family and Church Wide Social Event Planning Team</b>	Help with the planning and facilitation of family and church wide social events such as the Fall Fest, family movie nights, Trivia nights, etc.	As needed

## Prayer Ministry

The purpose of the Prayer Ministry is to uphold the congregation and ministries of Living Christ in prayer. If you have a heart for prayer, this ministry might be for you.

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Prayer Point</b>	Opportunities to pray with individuals seeking prayer after the worship services.	Sunday mornings following worship services.

<b>“Common Threads” Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<p>Opportunities to make hand-knit or crochet shawls for those going through a difficult time. The Prayer Shawls are covered in prayer as they are knitted together.</p> <p>Yarn donations are also accepted.</p>	Projects can be worked on at home.
<b>Prayer Team</b>	<p>Living Christ has a Prayer Team made up of those who are willing to pray for specific areas when needed. Those on the Prayer Team are emailed when the church office receive a prayer request.</p>	As needed
<b>Prayer Requests</b>	<p>If you would like prayer support, please email <a href="mailto:Holle@livingchrist.org">Holle@livingchrist.org</a> or call the church office and your request will be passed on to the Prayer Team.</p>	

## Youth Ministries

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
<b>Middle School &amp; High School Youth Ministry</b>	<p>Opportunities are available for adults to build into the lives of Middle School and High School youth by helping with music during gathering times, mentoring, being a chaperone and helping with transportation to events. If you have a heart for the youth and would like to be involved, there is a place for you!</p>	<p>Wednesday evenings during the school year and/or as needed</p>

## Men’s Ministries

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
<b>Men’s Bible Study</b>	<p>Participate in a weekly men’s Bible study and breakfast. You are welcome to join at any time.</p>	<p>Fridays at 6:30am in the Hillside Room (Sept. to May)</p>

## Women's Ministries

Ministry	Opportunity	Commitment
<b>Faithful &amp; True Women's Bible Study</b>	Faithful & True is a weekly Bible Study for women of all ages and stages of life. (They typically meet from September-May)	Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am at LCLC
<b>Advent By Candlelight</b>	Advent By Candlelight is an outreach event for women and is typically held each December. There are various opportunities to get involved such as decorating tables, donating desserts, helping to serve, being a greeter, music, media, etc.	Advent by Candlelight is usually held the first Sunday in December at Living Christ
<b>Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML)</b>	<p>The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. Some of the opportunities to be involved in LWML include:</p> <p><b>Heart Tree:</b> Coordinating, facilitating and donating items to the Heart Tree at Christmas. These items go to the local shelters as well as those in need.</p> <p><b>Tears and Cheers:</b> A card ministry that sends encouragement to the Living Christ community during times of tears and cheers.</p> <p><b>LWML Circle:</b> <b>LWML Joy Circle</b> meets monthly for a time of Bible study, fellowship and service. They meet at Living Christ.</p>	<p>Various opportunities in November &amp; December</p> <p>As needed</p> <p><b>Joy Circle:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 1 pm. (Sept.-May)</p>

## Local & Global Impact Ministries (Social Ministries-Mission & Outreach)

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
<b>Bethesda Thrift Shop</b>	Bethesda Thrift Shop is located in Minnetonka and there are various opportunities to help sort, price and display donated household goods and items. Also opportunities to donate items.	Flexible schedule
<b>Binky Patrol</b>	The Binky Patrol is a non-profit national charity that makes blankets for children in crisis. There are opportunities to make blankets, or donate left over fabric, thread, batting, embroidery floss, money or gift cards to fabric shops.	The Binky Patrol typically meets once a month downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Blankets can also be made at home and dropped off at LCLC. (Sept.-May)
<b>Bountiful Basket Food Shelf</b>	The Bountiful Basket is a food shelf in Chaska. There are opportunities to donate food items, transport collected food to the food shelf or volunteer at the Bountiful Basket to help sort and organize food.	Flexible time commitment
<b>Feed My Starving Children</b>	Help with assembly of food packets that are sent overseas to children in need of food. (Chanhassen location)	Various times throughout the year
<b>Meals on Wheels Delivery</b>	Opportunities to deliver meals to homebound individuals in our area.	There are various opportunities to deliver meals

<p><b>Love INC</b></p>	<p>Love INC is a ministry of local churches to meet the physical needs of those in Eastern Carver County.</p> <p><b>Diaper Ministry:</b> Living Christ's focused ministry is collecting and donating diaper's and wipes to those in need. There are opportunities to donate diapers, pull-ups, baby wipes and deliver diapers.</p> <p>Love Inc also offers opportunities to donate other needed items. They have many different volunteer opportunities to help those in our community</p>	<p>Flexible time commitments</p> <p>Flexible time commitment</p>
<p><b>Missions Board</b></p>	<p>The Missions Board helps to plan, educate and create involvement opportunities in the mission ministries of Living Christ.</p>	<p>Flexible time commitment</p>
<p><b>Operation Christmas Child</b></p>	<p>Opportunities to donate shoeboxes of small gifts for children overseas.</p>	<p>Filled shoeboxes are collected in November each year</p>
<p><b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b></p>	<p>The Red Cross has blood drives at Living Christ throughout the year. There are opportunities to help with set up, clean up, canteen worker or greeter for the blood drive.</p>	<p>Flexible time commitment</p>
<p><b>Prison Ministry</b></p>	<p>The prison ministry works with the women's facility in Shakopee. There are opportunities to pray for and minister directly with the inmates by being on a team that leads small group studies.</p>	<p>Various times throughout the year</p>